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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/098,542

Applicants: Youichi NISHIMURO, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING INK-JET PRINTER
MEMBER

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Preliminary Amendment with marked up copy (6 pp.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 1, 3, and 5.

Please amend the Claims as shown on the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

A1 2. (Amended) A process for producing an ink-jet printer member which comprises placing a pre-formed plastic substrate having a prescribed form in a mold, and melt-injecting an elastic material comprising a thermoplastic elastomer into said plastics substrate, thereby integrally compositing the plastic substrate and the elastic material.

A2 4. (Amended) The process for producing an ink-jet printer member according to Claim 2, wherein the plastic substrate comprises at least one member selected from the group